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Author Marquis Childs To Speak at Luncheon

Marquis Childs, syndicated columnist and author, will be one of four speakers at Tuesday Washington Post book and author luncheon.

The other three are: Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Fred W. Friendly, former president of CBS television news and now television consultant to the Ford Foundation; and George Plimpton, editor of Paris Review, an international literary quarterly.

Childs is author of the recently published book "Taint of Innocence" praised by Fulbright as a "most realistic study of the American spy business."

This book, Childs' sixth, has also drawn praise from Allen Dulles, former head of the CIA who says, "it is clear the author understands the intelligence business."

The setting for the book is the Middle East where an American son of missionary parents is working as a CIA agent under the guise of a minor functionary in the local American embassy.

Caught up in an international security scandal triggered by an anti-American sheik's forgery, the hero becomes an unwitting accomplice to murder and kidnaping.

These events cause the hero to re-examine agonizingly his own role in relation to the CIA and his country.

Chief Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Childs has been a newspaperman since 1923. His column appears in 200 newspapers including The Washington Post.

The luncheon will be held in the Sheraton Hall of the Sheraton-Park Hotel at 12:30 p.m.



Columnist Marquis Childs, author of "Taint of Innocence."

Tickets can be purchased at the front counter of The Washington Post and at the following area bookstores: Better Mouse Trap, Alexandria; Brentano's, Center, Bethesda; Chevy Chase Book

store; Cucumber, Bethesda; Doubleday; Francis Scott Key; Hecht's, Washington; Kann's; Paul Pearlman's; Savile; Sidney Kramer's; Woodward & Lothrop, Washington; and World Affairs.